The Queen City Corvette Gazette



Official Newsletter of North Carolina's Largest Corvette

December 2021



December QCCC Year-End Business Meeting, Christmas Party & Optional Dinner Buffet

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Location: Victory Lanes Entertainment Center

125 Morlake Dr., Mooresville, NC

Details: 2:30 p.m. Social/Pool Tournament

4 p.m. Business Mtg./QCCC "Mingle Game"

5:15 p.m. Optional Pre-Pay Italian Buffet

Reminder: Wear your Ugly Sweater, favorite holiday outfit, or favorite QCCC Corvette shirt.



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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding QCCC is available at our website: www.queencitycorvette.com. QCCC is a non-profit club (501(c)(7)) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. After an initiation fee of \$10.00 per person, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semiannually or annually. These dues go to cover the cost of programs, events, running the club, and subsidizing the cost of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers. To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must be at least 21 years of age, own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a six-month period. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! For additional membership information, visit https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=330 or contact our Membership Director at membership@queencitycorvette.com. We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

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Queen City Corvette Conversations

~ Paul Mitchell, President

Hard to believe, but this is my 60th newsletter article (84 if you count the VP articles I wrote). It is also my last article I will write as your President. Most of the time it was easy to write one, as I would think of things a couple of days before writing. Sometimes I was blank when I sat down at the computer. But always, within a couple minutes, something would pop up in my mind and the keyboard keys would start flying. That's because QCCC always had so much going on over the last 5 years. There was never a lull in our activities or in the need for information to be sent out or letting everyone know what was going on and coming up in the future. Always exciting, fun, interesting activities that highlighted the club's never-ending calendar of events.

As I think back over the past 5 years, there are so many things that are special and make me very proud. Just to name a few – our logo change that kept the original design but modernized the look; our 50th Anniversary year highlighted by the amazing celebration at the Hendrick Team Center in August 2018; our charity support and the special relationship with Wings of Eagles we now have; the way the club responded to the nearly 2 years of dealing with COVID, and the compassion the club showed during the times of tragic loss; the growth of the club, especially in the past 2 years considering the challenges; the continued success of our Corvette Show, now one of the best in the country; the excellent relationship and support we have from City Chevrolet and Hendrick Performance; and the constant and unwavering support from each and every member of this amazing Corvette Club.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served QCCC and its members for the past several years. I enjoyed every day of the time in office and hope I have done some good for the club in that time. This has truly been one of the best experiences of my life, and I am blessed to have had this opportunity. I look forward to continued fun times with all of you, and the excitement that comes with being a member of the BEST Corvette Club in the land.

Paige and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

And for the last time, just remember......

Love 'em, drive 'em, cherish 'em. It'll make you and your car smile.

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR
~ Donna Berst ~

It has been a sad year for QCCC members with the loss of many good friends and family members. It has also been a year of joy and amazing accomplishments. Our membership has grown and there were new treasured friendships made. Our car show was the biggest and most successful one yet! I have found that through the laughter and the tears there is no group of people I would rather share life with than the members of Queen City Corvette Club. I pray that each, and every one of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

SEE YOU IN 2022!!!!!

Join us on December 4th to "JINGLE & MINGLE" at our QCCC year-end Business Meeting & Christmas Party at Victory Lanes Center in Mooresville. 2:30pm-Social/Pool tournament * 4:00pm Meeting/QCCC "Mingle Game" * 5:15 Optional PRE-PAY Italian Buffet after our meeting

Upcoming Events:

<u>Saturday December 4, 2021</u>, BUSINESS MEETING, CHRISTMAS PARTY & OPTIONAL DINNER BUFFET AT VICTORY LANES ENTERTAINMENT CENTER 125 Morlake Drive in Mooresville 2:30pm-Social * 4:00pm Meeting * 5:15 Optional PRE-PAY Italian Buffet after our meeting

<u>Saturday January 8, 2022,</u> BUSINESS MEETING & OPTIONAL CHILI DINNER AFTERWARDS Location: Indian Trail VFW Post 3pm Social- 4pm Meeting – 5:15 Optional Pre-paid dinner.

Saturday March 5, 2022, QCCC 2021 Awards Banquet at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

SAVE THE DATE

<u>Friday, May 20th through Sunday, May 22^{nd,} 2022, Maggie Valley Overnighter. SAVE THE DATE.</u> Blast with reservation info will be sent in January as hotel is closed in December.

Donna Berst ~ 2021 QCCC Social Director
It's not where you go... but who you travel with that makes the journey special!



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Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet Effective February 1, 2020

Having been with the Hendrick Automotive Group for over 18 years, my career started at City Chevrolet. As the flagship store, we strive to not only represent, but set the benchmark for the culture of the organization. We often say, "City people make City Chevrolet," and that's why I'm excited to not only come back to where I started (my "home") but also to rebuild the City pride in our teammates, customers, vendors, and partners alike.

I'm dedicated to rebuilding the relationship between the Queen City Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. Our team is looking forward to further fostering the connection through the mutual support of our organizations. You have my commitment.

Chris Boone, General Manager

NEW VEHICLES

Members pay "Employee Pricing" on all NEW, instock Chevrolet vehicles (C8 Corvette, select new models, ad specialty vehicles excluded). Rebates and/or incentives will be applied. Extra costs may apply for locates, transportation or specialty vehicles.

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Retail in-stock vehicles may be purchased for \$500 over inventory amount. Extra costs may apply for transportation or specialty vehicles. Vehicle must pass NCSI through our service department. Over 8000 preowned vehicles available through our Hendrick network. Shipping costs may apply.

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BONUS

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Friends and Family of QCCC Members will receive a 10% service discount.

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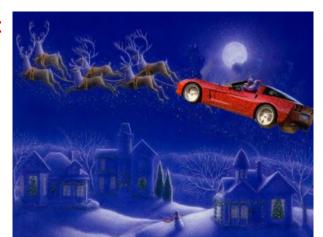


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The Temporary Sport Top is a light-weight, durable solution for short term interior protection when you're out and about.

QCCC VP Report



December 2021

The year is coming to a close with memories of sad and glad events.

Those of us who were fortunate to both start and end 2021 healthy and happy, are indeed blessed!

We had to start our year with cancelled meetings in both January and February due to COVID, but thanks to our Board's persistence in keeping our club together safely – we held our first three meetings with the outdoors being a main priority, and then finally back inside at the Speedway Club in June.

Thanks go to our Board members for all agreeing to stay in their positions for 2021, through our second rocky year due to COVID restrictions. Please give a special THANKS to our President Paul Mitchell for his seventh straight year on the Board (two as VP and five as President), Secretary Carolyn Zimmer for her nine straight years, and Craig Smith for his six straight years! They are what kept our club so strong these past years, so we all owe them our gratitude.

The glass is always at least half full, with our Board always looking for opportunities rather than obstacles.

I can personally verify that cold weather has moved into our area in November! It was cold and windy when we delivered toys for Corvette Angels and visited with Road Runners Corvette Club on November 6. It was 25 degrees to start the mornings when I attended, along with a few brave QCCC souls, the Cars & Coffee events at Waterbean Coffee in Cornelius on November 13, and at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on November 20. Still, we have promised Roger that we'll show up at the Mooresville Cars & Coffee on November 27 and brave yet another below freezing morning! Come join us! We're there by 7:00 am.

I hope everyone has a great and peaceful holiday. They say that friends are the family we choose. I am thankful for the times spent with my QCCC family this past year, and look forward to our times together in 2022.

Get your cars cleaned and detailed for next year, as we are planning an event-filled 2022.

Please mark your calendar now for our Chili dinner and meeting on January 8 at the VFW in Indian Trail. Look for a BLAST in December with all the details.

Dick Gwilt, VP 704-651-8613



QCCC delivery line to hand off toys November 6.



The Salvation Army truck was filling fast!



Of <u>course</u> a bicycle fits in a Corvette!



It was either Jane, or the toys, so I brought both.



Cars & Coffee at Waterbean Coffee in Cornelius.



The MOON is still in the sky when we arrive at Cars & Coffee at Charlotte Motor Speedway!



Cars & Coffee at Charlotte Motor Speedway at 7:01 am. If you're not first, you're last!



Hope Roger brings a portable fire place next time!





MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER December

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	380
Total Families	211
Prospective Members	57
New Members Year to Date	44
Avg. Monthly Attendance	94

NEW MEMBERS:

John Philpott

Salisbury, NC

Corvette: 2016 Shark Gray Coupe



Justin Cross QCCC Membership Director



A note from Chris & Paul. . .

"Paul is so grateful for all of the cards, emails, and calls from so many QCCC members, really touched our hearts, made us laugh, and brought tears to our eyes. . .we feel the love. Paul's recovery is coming along. Physically he's his usual self in every way but will still need to see a Speech Therapist and Cardiologist in the upcoming weeks. His speech sounds normal but he can't come up with certain words and finish sentences here and there. Nothing drastic. Taking one day at a time. Thank you especially for the many prayers. . .they are so appreciated. We are so blessed. . .God is good. Love, Paul & Chris"

Covid 19: Prayers for QCCC Members, Family and Friends: Special prayers for all our QCCC Members, family and close friends. Praying that God keeps them safe and touches those that do have it. This has been a terrible pandemic and we pray for those that have it, and those that are fighting it. We also pray for the underlying illnesses that affect this virus and make it more lethal. Praying that Our Lord keeps all of us in our Club safe.

We also pray for those with other illnesses such as cancer, disease, viruses, bad knees and hips, etc. that do not want to be placed on this list. We pray for complete healing.

Note: If you would like to be placed on the Care & Compassion monthly list, send me a text first saying that you sent me an email. I am not on my email all the time.

We all need care, compassion, and prayers when we are sick. Please do not hesitate to place your name on the list. We are all family.

Paul Schmitt paulandchristinesschmitt@gmail.com 585)944-1926





AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Let's say goodbye to another COVID truncated automotive event year. Looking forward to Spring Auto Fair, it will be here before you know it! The local Cars & Coffee events (see schedule below] are a great opportunity to show off your Corvette and see a variety of other cars.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



NOVEMBER CARS & COFFEE EVENT SCHEDULE

- Saturday December 11th Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius, NC
- Saturday December 18th Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee Concord, NC
- Saturday December 18th LNK Cars & Coffee Mooresville, NC (different week due to Christmas)

Roger Winge Automotive Events Director



From Track to Street

The 2021 Weathertech IMSA Series ended with both Corvettes out of the race due to accidents. However, they did win the Manufacturer's Drivers Championships for 2021. This race ended the GTLM class. What a success for Corvette! They chased almost everyone out due to winning.

2022 brings new chalenges and a new class for Corvette Racing. It will be called the GTD Pro Class. It will feature the new GT3 class of Corvette starting in 2023 or 2024. IMSA has granted Corvette's current C8R car with modifications to compete in this new class in the Weathertech Racing series. This new GTD Pro will feature the following cars so far: BMW, Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porsche, Lexus and of course, Chevrolet Corvette. Hopefully, more will come to this class before the Roar Before the 24. Only the #3 car will run in this series. The #4 car will run in the WEC next year mostly in Europe and will be racing at Sebring in March.

Stay tuned. . . See you at the next Corvette Race! Boyd Kint: Your Countle Bacing Man at the vaces.





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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we come to the end of 2021, all I can say is Wow! Not only did it fly by but God showed up in so many mighty ways once again. One of the many blessings is, I would like to introduce our new Volunteer Coardinator and the person who will be in charge of our new Hippotherapy program, Julie Seidenspinner. Many months have gone into praying that God would bring us the right person. We are thrilled that Julie is joining the team and not only as our Volunteer Coordinator for both programs but she has a wealth of horse experience and will be one of our new instructors. Also, I am very excited about our new prayer team headed up by our own, Sonya Sexton and our beautiful new prayer trail. I was able to spend a week this summer praying in the mountains and the biggest revelation was, the ranch began in a prayer meeting and we need to get back to that. We have grown so exponentially in the last 24 years and I can't even begin to vision what God's going to do in the future. All I know is that it needs to begin in prayer once again. Lots of information ahead in this fully packed newsletter of how exciting 2021 has been. Won't you join us as we walk into the future of Wings of Eagles Ranch and what the Lord is going to do here in Cabarrus County. Lastly, If you have a given of your time your talents and your treasures this year we want to say Thank You. Without you we would not have made it to 24 years. We are so incredibly thankful for your partnership and love of the programs here at Wings of Eagles Ranch.

Thank you for joining us on this fun journey and as we end 2021 we want to wish you and your family the most blessed holiday season ever.

CHRISTINE CRONIN, FOUNDER



Happy December Birthdays!!!!

QCCC Members!

As you may know, this will be my last Birthday article as QCCC Secretary. It has truly been my pleasure to serve the Club as Secretary for nine years, and frankly I will miss it. Thank you so much for all your support over the years, and I look forward to many more great Corvette adventures with you in the future. May you and your family be truly Blessed with Health and Happiness this Christmas Season and in the New Year.

Now, Jet's Celebrate our <u>December</u> Member Birthdays listed below and wish everyone....

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

As you know, we randomly draw the name of a member present at our business meetings who is Celebrating a Birthday that month, and present him or her with a Darden Restaurant Birthday Gift Card. So please plan to attend the December 4 business meeting and Christmas Party at the Victory Event Center and see who our lucky Gift Card winner will be!!!! Check out the QCCC Website Calendar for details.

Hope to see you at the December Meeting.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Carolyn Zimmer

QCCC Secretary

carolynz77@yahoo.com





<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>

December

- 12/1 Brian Kruse
- 12/2 Mark Londre
- 12/3 Beth Walton
- 12/3 Anna Lurge Wright
- 12/3 Roger Winge
- 12/4 Cathy Nelson
- 12/4 Don Wiswall
- 12/5 Buzz Brescoll
- 12/5 Terri Pennoni
- 12/5 Dee Dee Winge
- 12/8 Larry Newsom
- 12/9 Judy Armstrong
- 12/10 Wendy Krupowicz
- 12/11 Fred Rice
- 12/11 Brenda Loftin
- 12/13 Linda Meadows
- 12/13 Pamela Murawa
- 12/15 Sue Brown
- 12/16 Paul Schmitt
- 12/19 Bill Elko
- 12/19 Beth Kendall
- 12/21 Rob Humphrey
- 12/21 Micah Patterson
- 12/22 Bob Becker
- 12/22 Bill Cruthis
- 12/24 Helen Speer
- 12/26 Gary Artis
- 12/26 Barney Peterman
- 12/28 Rick Mills
- 12/28 Mal Speer
- 12/31 Joe Estwanik

^{*}QCCC Members: If you would like your Birthday added or deleted from our Birthday List, please send an email to QCCC Secretary Carolyn Zimmer, carolynz77@yahoo.com.





NCM CORNER

As we get ready to lock down for the winter months, there is not a lot of new news for the NCM. But do be prepared that come April 28 thru April 30, the Michelin NCM Bash is scheduled to take place, so mark your calendars.

Also, if you are bored over the holidays, and have access to Amazon's Alexa, you may want to try your hand at the NCM Corvette Trivia. Just say "Hey Alexa, play Corvette Trivia". 1 to 4 can play and it is sponsored by the NCM. Also, Chris Huffman, NCM IT Operations Manager stated they're working on some additional new interactive applications for use in the Museum including augmented and virtual reality. "Over the years a lot of new, affordable options have become available for Museum use and we've been testing some of those out. We're excited and hope to roll out some new interactive offerings for our exhibits later this year."

Don't miss out on the latest Corvette Raffle to win a **2022 Silver Flare Corvette Convertible!** Tickets are \$200, and the raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 at 2pm CT. There is still time to mail in a chance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, and those who have not joined the NCM, I will be seeking you out!

Save the Wave!

Mike Mariano NCM Ambassador



1973....CONTINUED

The year 1973 was a strange year all the way around. Last month, I told of the ski trip where QCCC had to charter a bus instead of driving our Corvettes because of the gas shortage. Inflation hit us all in the wallet, and the future was unsure, much like today. QCCC had experienced a lot of growth and enthusiasm up to 1973 but could we survive in this climate? The government had done their best to kill performance cars, regulating compression, even measuring gas mileage and reducing horsepower. Corvettes were still produced, but the change in the cars left the Corvette a weak cruiser compared to what it was prior. It would have been easy for the real Corvette enthusiast to give up and for the club to dissolve into a memory. But fortunately, QCCC during those years had some real gear heads that refused to give up. The club was also fortunate enough to have some strong leadership in President Jim Whitley.

Jim and I worked together at Burroughs Corp., became fast <u>friends</u> and shared a love for our cars. When we met, he had a '66 Mustang and I had a '68 396 Chevelle, but we both shared a dream to own a Corvette. When Jim bought a new '69 Corvette Coupe, I had to have one. I tried to buy a new 1970, but there was a strike at GM and at the age of 23, I couldn't afford the insurance. My plan B was to buy a used one that I could own without having to have collision insurance. The purchase of my '64 coupe was the result. Jim and his wife, Patty, joined QCCC the same time Sharon and I did (late 1970), and we have remained close friends ever <u>since.</u>-

Club events continued during 1973, but road trips went way down and with some creative imagination, new events were substituted. For example, a "Blind-fun-khana", where the driver is blind-folded and the navigator gives directions to drive thru a parking lot maze. Obviously, a low-speed event but a lot of fun and something to do. There also was a 50's scavenger hunt in downtown Charlotte where everyone dressed in 50's attire and collected random items with a party afterward. In fact, a party pretty much followed every event. We still had use of the Squires <u>Building</u> which was the induction center for the military recruits, thanks to QCCC member Sgt. Bill <u>Czarnawski</u> who was stationed there. It was a perfect place for a party as well as our meetings. But to add to the problems of 1973, Sgt. Bill got transferred and we lost the use of the induction center. QCCC was left scrambling for a location to meet.

Jim and I often went to lunch together and one day at lunch, we stopped by to see club member Buzz Cagle, who ran a detail shop in a one-car garage behind a house on Independence Blvd. and Westover Street. Across the street we noticed a small run-down brick house with a "For Rent" sign out front. Jim said, "Why don't we rent that house as a clubhouse?" I didn't take him seriously. But he called the real estate company and due to the house's condition, the rent was cheap. A meeting was called and with politicking that would have made Nancy Pelosi proud, it was voted to rent the house. Money was so tight that I'm still amazed that bold step was taken, but part of being in your 20's is total disregard for informed decisions. We had pretty much blown the sponsorship money from LaPointe Chevrolet and we had no idea what the monthly expenses would be. But relying on blind faith and youthful ignorance, we made the commitment. We weren't incorporated, so when Jim signed the lease, it was basically his on our behalf. Talk about commitment!

The entire club stepped up to clean and paint the interior and make it suitable. The attic was large and unfinished but big enough to hold our meetings, and we thought the large attic fan up there would help during the hot summer months. The only problem was it was so loud we couldn't hear so we just sweated out the summers. Benches were built, but, of course, the first thing constructed was the bar.

Early on we realized we needed a supplementary revenue stream to make this work, and since we didn't have a product or service, selling beer seemed to be the only solution. ECON 10! Of course, we also didn't have a license or any insurance, but raising money for a refrigerated tapper and a keg of Schlitz was no problem. When things got tight, we raised the price from 35 cents to 50 cents a glass and encouraged patrons to have another. No one objected! We always paid the rent on time (no late charges). Another unexpected expense happened when weather turned cold and we had to buy fuel oil for the furnace. Everyone stepped up and a couple hundred gallons of fuel oil was purchased. When we ran out of fuel in a short period of time, it was discovered that the next-door neighbor was stealing our fuel. Sargent of Arms Robert Scognamillo had a "come to Jesus" meeting with the neighbor and that problem was solved. Every Wednesday night was open bar night and there were all sorts of events taking place that didn't have anything to do with the club. Bridal showers were held there and many, many baby showers. We all spent so much time there together it is no wonder those who were there are still tight today.

This was a truly historic period in the life of QCCC. We had our own place to meet and party and everyone chipped it to make this old house suit our needs. There are many stories told and untold about our time with this club house and if you find these stories interesting we will continue...next month.

Travis Meredith, historian

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Sometimes You Can't Put Lipstick on The Pig

Thinking back to the mid 1970's, QCCC was a bunch of 20-somethings who were very competitive. Most had been street racing since early high school. The old, "run what you brung", was about the only rule that was followed. As we migrated into somewhat organized racing under the guidelines of The National Council of Corvette Clubs, it was only natural that some arguments would ensue. NCCC divided Corvette racing into several classes. Big Blocks were A. for pure stock, A. modified, and A. race prepared. Small blocks were B. for pure stock, B. modified, B. race prepared. Then small blocks with lower hp went into the C. pure stock and C modified. Then D. base engine pure stock. I have seen where competition was so intense that a class winner had to tear down his engine to prove that he was not cheating and getting in the wrong class. So, there should have been no inter-wars amongst QCCC but only vs. other clubs. Sadly, that was not the case. My first visit to this war came early upon my arrival. At Charlotte Motor Speedway on my first run going onto the road course, my Split Window Coupe ate its own rear end gears and came to a screeching halt. Once I got it on the trailer, I had no idea where to take it. The QCCC resident Car Doctor told me to take it over to his shop at Shamrock/Plaza neighborhood. There I left it on a Saturday night. Today it would not last 24 hours without being stolen. I figured I was in for a long wait before the car would be running again. To my surprise it was done by mid-week and the only charge was for minimal labor. I was too green to the world to understand and it never crossed my mind, where did the new rear end come from. My broken rear gears were 4:11 and I was told he put a 3:70 in. It turns out that common practice was to take what was needed from one car to fix another. So, my quick fix came at the expense of someone else. Often times, engine parts were switched, heads, intakes etc. One member who was pushing hard to get his car ready for the Corvette-Porsche Challenge later had another member see the car and said, "you have my engine in your car". I believe there were times when parts got traded around amongst friends then later those friendships changed and gifting and re gifting got all screwed up. To this day B.A. has the wrong 427 in his car and the owner of the car it

belongs in has the correct number engine for his car, but he refuses to switch them back to make it correct. Plus observing pure stock cars that ran as good as modified always caused arguments as folks were always looking for cheaters. One can see where this came from as the NASCAR guys were always cheating and it seemed natural to us. However, they were trying to make a living and we were trying to win a \$5 trophy. I guess it was the bragging rights we were after. Sometimes it was graciously fixed and other times hard feelings lasted awhile. When you look at our 20-something bank accounts you can see why it was imperative to fix the hottest engine for the cheapest way. I will enclose some photos from Charlotte Motor Speedway 1975 Southeast Sectional. Notice that few of the cars had paint on all the fenders. I know Billy Coats and David Hunter never got past primer on their cars all the years they were in QCCC. Ace Speed Shop on Central Avenue was the "second" clubhouse kind for QCCC. All the shiny chrome engine parts attracted us like mosquitos to sweat. Bigger, louder, faster was the game of the day. So, I ended up with two rear ends from the Car Dr. One in the car was a 3:70 and he gave me my original back to me. It was supposed to be a 4:11 but he gave me a 3:08. I sold it to Kirkley who sent it to a vendor in exchange for a 3:70. End result: someone got my 4:11, I got somebody's 3:70 in my '63 coupe which I sold in 2006 and I got somebody's 3:08 which went to a vendor via Darrell. That was typically how convoluted these swaps got. Unless you marked every part of your car, your claim would fall on deaf ears. Was there lying going on? Oh yes, by the mouthfuls. This did cause some rifts but we all got over it. Maturity comes slowly sometimes.

We have come a long way from a rebellious start and mellowed out tremendously, but the good old days of QCCC racing were really something.





Southeast Sectional Meet NCCC Host Club QCCC



To All QCCC Members:



WANTED/NEEDED anyone who takes pictures or videos with their phone or camera!!!

If you go to an event and take pictures/videos – please upload them to the QCCC photo library. That way they can be shared by all members!

We could also use members to volunteer to take pictures during the events. If you are interested and want to do that, please contact me via email : cb8613vette.gmail.com.

Here are the instructions on how to upload your pictures/videos:

Do you have club Photographs or Videos you would like to share?

To upload to the "QCCC Photo Gallery", copy the web link below into your web browser and follow the screen prompts.

https://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com or cb8613vette@gmail.com with a notation of the Date and Event for which the Pictures/Videos were taken.

The mail message will notify the Club's "QCCC Photo Gallery" administrator that new Pictures/Videos were recently posted so they can be added to the public viewing web site.

Thanks! Carl Bartlett

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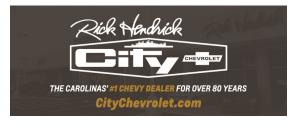
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